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SUBJECT: EMBASSY'S READ-OUT OF THE JUSTICE AND PEACE DECREE

Classified By: Ambassador William B. Wood.

Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶11. (C) The Embassy is generally pleased with the implementing decree for the Justice and Peace law, which incorporates many of our suggestions:

-- It clarifies the eligibility provisions and gives judicial authorities final say over whether they have been met.

-- It extends and strengthens the investigative process.

-- It makes the taking of the "version libre" (voluntary statement) an interactive and iterative process, so that the prosecutors can assemble new information from many sources and use that information at any time during the taking of the voluntary statement.

-- It also broadens the scope of the "version libre" to include information about the criminal activities of third parties and disclosure of all illegal assets.

-- It creates obligations during the parole stage and requires the judiciary to establish mechanisms to monitor the parolees.

-- Finally, it gives the prosecutors limited discretionary powers to provide incentives for third-party front men to turn over assets they are holding for paramilitary leaders. These discretionary powers cannot be applied to front men who are actual paramilitary members or who have been involved in a violent crime.

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